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(Senate Sponsor - Deuell)

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1 - 7COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Williams	Х			
1-10	Hinojosa	X			
1-11	Deuell	X			
1-12	Duncan	X			
1-13	Eltife	X			
1-14	Estes	X			
1-15	Hegar	X			
1-16	Huffman	X			
1-17	Lucio	X			
1-18	Nelson	X			
1-19	Patrick	X			
1-20	Seliger	X			
1-21	West	X			
1-22	Whitmire			X	
1-23	Zaffirini	Χ			

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-24 1-25 AN ACT

relating to the qualifications for the exemption from ad valorem taxation for aircraft parts located in this state for a limited time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11.251, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (c), (e), (g), and (k) and adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

A person is entitled to an exemption from taxation by a (b) taxing unit of the appraised value of that portion of the person's

inventory or property consisting of freeport goods as determined under this section for the taxing unit.

(c) The exemption provided by Subsection (b) is subtracted from the market value of the inventory or property determined under Section 23.12 to determine the taxable value of the inventory or

property for the taxing unit.

(e) In determining the market value of freeport goods that the preceding year were assembled, manufactured, repaired, maintained, processed, or fabricated in this state or used by the person who acquired or imported the property in the repair or maintenance of aircraft operated by a certificated air carrier, the chief appraiser shall exclude the cost of equipment, machinery, or materials that entered into and became component parts of the freeport goods but were not themselves freeport goods or that were not transported outside the state before the expiration of 175 days, or, if applicable, the greater number of days adopted by the taxing unit as authorized by Subsection (1), after they were brought into this state by the property owner or acquired by the property owner in this state. For component parts held in bulk, the chief appraiser may use the average length of time a component part was held in this state by the property owner during the preceding year in determining whether the component parts were transported out of this state before the expiration of 175 days or, if applicable, the greater number of days adopted by the taxing unit as authorized by Subsection (1).

(g) If the property owner or the chief demonstrates that the method provided by Subsection (d)

 $$\rm H.B.\ No.\ 3121$ significantly understates or overstates the market value of the property qualified for an exemption under Subsection (b) in the current year, the chief appraiser shall determine the market value of the freeport goods to be exempt by determining, according to the property owner's records and any other available information, the market value of those freeport goods owned by the property owner on January 1 of the current year, excluding the cost of equipment, machinery, or materials that entered into and became component parts of the freeport goods but were not themselves freeport goods or that were not transported outside the state before the expiration of 175 days, or, if applicable, the greater number of days adopted by the taxing unit as authorized by Subsection (1), after they were brought into this state by the property owner or acquired by the property owner in this state.

(k) Property that meets the requirements of Article VIII, Sections 1-j(a)(1) and (2), of the Texas Constitution and that is transported outside of this state not later than 175 days, or, if applicable, the greater number of days adopted by the taxing unit as authorized by Subsection (1), after the date the person who owns it on January 1 acquired it or imported it into this state is freeport goods regardless of whether the person who owns it on January 1 is the person who transports it outside of this state.

(1) The governing body of a taxing unit, in the manner provided by law for official action, may extend the date by which freeport goods that are aircraft parts must be transported outside the state to a date not later than the 730th day after the date the person acquired or imported the property in this state. An extension adopted by official action under this subsection applies only to the exemption from ad valorem taxation by the taxing unit adopting the extension and applies to:

(1) the tax year:

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officially adopted before June 1 of a tax year; or

(B) immediately following the tax year in which the extension is adopted if officially adopted on or after June 1 of a tax year; and

each tax year following the year of adoption of the extension.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.

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